



## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2023-0588; Airspace Docket No. 23-ASO-10]

RIN 2120-AA66

#### Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Lakeland, FL

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This action amends Class D airspace, Class E airspace designated as an extension to a Class D surface area, and Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface for Lakeland Linder International Airport, Lakeland, FL. This action updates this airport's name and geographic coordinates, as well as the names of Bartow Executive Airport, Plant City Airport, and Winter Haven Regional Airport. In addition, this action removes the Lakeland VORTAC from the Class E airspace designated as an extension to a Class D surface area description.

**DATES:** Effective 0901 UTC, August 10, 2023. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under 1 CFR part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order JO 7400.11 and publication of conforming amendments.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), all comments received, this final rule, and all background material may be viewed online at [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) using the FAA Docket number. Electronic retrieval help and guidelines are available on the website. It is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

FAA Order JO 7400.11G Airspace Designations and Reporting Points and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at [www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/publications/](https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/). You may also contact the Rules and Regulations Group, Office of Policy, Federal

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority for this Rulemaking**

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, Section 106 describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority, as it amends Class D and E airspace in Lakeland, FL. An airspace evaluation determined that this update is necessary to support IFR operations in the area.

**History**

The FAA published a notice of proposed rulemaking for Docket No. FAA 2023-0588 in the *Federal Register* (88 FR 21132; April 10, 2023), proposing to amend Class D airspace, Class E airspace designated as an extension to a Class D surface area, and Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface for Lakeland Linder International Airport (formerly Lakeland Linder Regional Airport), Lakeland, FL. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received.

**Incorporation by Reference**

Class D and E airspace designations are published in Paragraphs 5000, 6004, and 6005 of FAA Order JO 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 annually. This document amends the current version of that order, FAA Order JO 7400.11G, dated August 19, 2022, and effective September 15, 2022. FAA Order JO 7400.11G is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. These amendments will be published in the next FAA Order JO 7400.11 update.

FAA Order JO 7400.11G lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

### **The Rule**

This action amends 14 CFR part 71 by amending Class D airspace, Class E airspace designated as an extension to a Class D surface area, and Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface for Lakeland Linder International Airport (formerly Lakeland Linder Regional Airport), Lakeland, FL, as an airspace evaluation determined an update for this airport necessary. This action increases the Class D radius of the airport to 4.6-miles (previously 4.2-miles). This action also updates this airport's name and geographic coordinates, as well as the names of Bartow Executive Airport (formerly Bartow Municipal Airport), Plant City Airport (formerly Plant City Municipal Airport), and Winter Haven Regional Airport (formerly Winter Haven's Gilbert Airport). In addition, this action removes the Lakeland VORTAC from the Class E airspace designated as an extension to a Class D surface area description, as it is not needed to describe the airspace. Finally, this action replaces Notice to Airmen with Notice to Air Missions and Airport/Facility Directory with Chart Supplement in the appropriate airspace descriptions. Controlled airspace is necessary for the safety and management of instrument flight rules (IFR) operations in the area.

### **Regulatory Notices and Analyses**

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. It, therefore: (1) is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a “significant rule” under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is minimal. Since this is a routine matter that only affects air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, does not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

### **Environmental Review**

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, “Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures,” paragraph 5-6.5a.

This airspace action is not expected to cause any potentially significant environmental impacts, and no extraordinary circumstances warrant the preparation of an environmental assessment.

### **Lists of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71**

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

### **The Amendment**

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

#### **PART 71 - DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS**

1. The authority citation for part 71 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g); 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389.

#### **§ 71.1 [Amended]**

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of FAA Order JO 7400.11G, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 19, 2022, and effective September 15, 2022, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 5000. Class D Airspace.

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**ASO FL D Lakeland, FL [Amended]**

Lakeland Linder International Airport, FL

(Lat 27°59'16"N, long 82°01'08"W)

South Lakeland Airport

(Lat 27°56'00"N, long 82°02'38"W)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 2,600 feet MSL within a 4.6-mile radius of the Lakeland Linder International Airport, excluding that airspace within a 1.5-mile radius of South Lakeland Airport. This Class D airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Air Missions. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.

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Paragraph 6004. Class E Airspace is Designated as an Extension to Class D or E Surface Area

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**ASO FL E4 Lakeland, FL [Amended]**

Lakeland Linder International Airport, FL

(Lat 27°59'16"N, long. 82°01'08"W)

That airspace extending upward from the surface within 1.5 miles on each side of the 090° bearing from Lakeland Linder International Airport extending from the 4.6-mile radius to 7 miles east of the airport. This Class E airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Air Missions. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.

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Paragraph 6005. Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward from 700 feet or More

Above the Surface of the Earth.

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**ASO FL E5 Lakeland, FL [Amended]**  
Lakeland Linder International Airport, FL  
(Lat 27°59'16" N, long 82°01'08" W)  
Bartow Executive Airport  
(Lat 27°56'36" N, long 81°47'00" W)  
Plant City Airport  
(Lat 28°00'01" N, long 82°09'48" W)  
Winter Haven Regional Airport  
(Lat. 28°03'47" N., long. 81°45'12" W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 7-mile radius of Lakeland Linder International Airport, and within a 6.7-mile radius of Bartow Executive Airport, a 6.6-mile radius of Plant City Airport, and within 3.5 miles on each side of the 266° bearing from the Plant City Airport extending from the 6.6-mile radius to 7.5 miles west of the airport, and within a 6.5-mile radius of Winter Haven Regional Airport.

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